

CNO Trades Green ID Card for Common Access Card



At the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., ADM Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, took time out from his busy schedule to replace his green military identification card (ID) with the new improved Geneva Convention Common Access Card (CAC). As the new military ID Card, the CAC serves as the principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled spaces. U.S. Navy photo.

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WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations ADM Vern Clark recently replaced his green military identification card with the new improved Geneva Convention Common Access Card (CAC). Utilizing the CAC mobile issue van, Clark took a few minutes out of his schedule at the Pentagon to complete the process of being issued his CAC.

As the new military ID card, the CAC serves as the principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled spaces. It is the principal card used to enable computer network and system access, and the primary platform for the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) token, which will allow a user to sign on to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet.

The CAC is a priority effort across the Department of Defense. It utilizes smart card technology as a means of enhancing readiness and improving business processes throughout the military departments. Over the last five months, issuance of the CAC has begun at many sites across the Department of the Navy, and others are scheduled to begin issuance in the near future. As of March 11, 319,685 CACs have been issued. DoN has issued 188,903.

Find out more about the Common Access Card by calling DoN CIO Public Affairs at (703) 602-6722 or go to <http://www.don-imit.navy.mil> and select "Interest Areas," then "Smart Cards" from the "Emerging Technology" menu.
